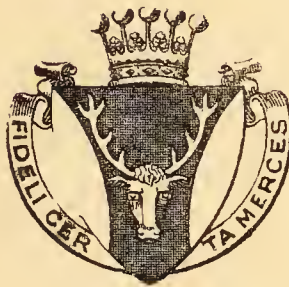


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*Committees of the Council concerned with matters of Public Health
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HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

WATER COMMITTEE

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Clerk :

MISS G. H. PROWSE

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
of the
PLYMPTON ST. MARY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1961.

There was one death from Diphtheria. The victim was a small boy who had not been immunised. In spite of repeated propaganda there are still parents who fail to have their children immunised.

It is interesting to note that there were no cases of poliomyelitis. It is too early to say definitely that it is a result of immunisation, but one hopes that it is the start of complete control of this disease.

All responsibility has not been removed from parents, who should see that their children are immunised. Although the necessity is less apparent, it remains an important preventive measure.

Smoking is a controversial subject which generates a great deal of emotion. It is a fact that various diseases occur in direct proportion to the amount smoked by the sufferers. It would seem a sensible preventive measure to stop people smoking from birth. Surely every responsible adult should do all in his power to dissuade children from smoking. The most effective way of influencing them is by example. Teenagers are much criticised for their lack of control. It would seem a little unreasonable of those adults, who are unable to control their own unnatural urge to smoke, to criticise a lack of control in teenagers.

The table of deaths over 65 years of age is interesting as it shows clearly the increasing problem of old age. A great deal is being done, and remains to be done, to improve life for the aged and to help them to lead full, independent, and interesting lives. The bungalows at St. Maurice, with arrangements for a Warden and Bell system provided in co-operation with the County Welfare Department, will be a great asset.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

R. B. WALKER,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area—66,600 acres, of which 174 are inland water

Population—1951 Census	...	...	...	...	31,820
Population estimated to the middle of 1961	...	...	...	...	39,130
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£511,499
Amount produced by a 1d. Rate	...	...	...	...	£2,068. 16s. 5d.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1961

Live Births

		<i>Total</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	
Legitimate	...	662	334	328	Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident popu- lation, 17.55.
Illegitimate	...	25	10	15	
		—	—	—	
		687	344	343	
		—	—	—	

Still Births ... 9 7 2 Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 12.93.

Deaths ... 462 228 234 Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 11.80.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes ... — — — Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, Nil.

Death Rate of infants under 1 year of age:

All Infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	11.64
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	12.08
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	Nil

Death Rate of Infants under 4 weeks of age

All Infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	8.73
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	9.06
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	Nil

Death Rate of Infants under 1 week of age:

All Infants per 1,000 live births	8.73
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	9.06
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ...	Nil

Comparability Factors

Births	1.04
Deaths	1.01

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	1961	1960
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	2	—	2	1
2. Tuberculosis, other	—	—	—	2
3. Syphilitic disease	—	—	—	1
4. Diphtheria	1	—	1	—
5. Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—
6. Meningococcal infections... ..	—	—	—	—
7. Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—
8. Measles	1	—	1	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	7	6	13	17
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	10	2	12	17
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	—	8	8	9
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	—	3	3	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	24	22	46	46
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	2	3	3
16. Diabetes	—	1	1	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	25	49	74	67
18. Coronary disease, angina ...	63	28	91	108
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	7	8	17
20. Other heart disease	28	41	69	66
21. Other circulatory disease ...	7	8	15	24
22. Influenza	—	1	1	—
23. Pneumonia	18	15	33	20
24. Bronchitis	4	5	9	10
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	4	2	6	2
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	—	1	4

CAUSES OF DEATH—*continued*

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	1961	1960
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	2	3	3
28. Nephritis and nephrosis ...	2	3	5	8
29. Hyperplasia of prostate ...	5	—	5	8
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	—	—	—	—
31. Congenital malformations ...	4	2	6	4
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	12	20	32	46
33. Motor vehicle accidents ...	3	—	3	4
34. All other accidents ...	3	2	5	9
35. Suicide ...	1	5	6	4
36. Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—	—
	228	234	462	503
Deaths over 65	—	—	—	—

There were 338, viz.: 47 between 65 and 70

67	„	70	„	75
78	„	75	„	80
74	„	80	„	85
50	„	85	„	90
16	„	90	„	95
6	„	95	„	100

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL
OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The total number of notifications was 1,061, as compared with 119 during the previous year.

Scarlet Fever

24 cases were notified as compared with 36 during the previous year. Most of the cases occurred in the parish of Plymstock (11). The disease was of a very mild character.

Diphtheria

One case of diphtheria was notified during the year and proved fatal.

Acute Poliomyelitis

No cases of Poliomyelitis were notified.

Disinfection

Disinfection of premises is carried out by the Council's employees under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors.

Tuberculosis (*see pages 11 and 12*)

With regard to the extent of notification before death, the following table shows the date of notification:—

<i>Sex</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Date Notified</i>	<i>Died</i>
M.	62	20.5.52	20.11.61

The remaining case was not notified in this District previous to death.

PAROCHIAL DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED FOR
YEAR 1961

DISEASE	Bickleigh	Brixton	Cornwood	Ermington	Harford	Holbeton	Ivybridge	Newton and Noss	Plympton St. Mary	Plympton St. Maurice	Plymstock	Shaugh Prior	Wembury	Yealinton	Totals
SCARLET FEVER ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2	11	1	1	-	24
DIPHTHERIA ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
PNEUMONIA ...	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	3	-	1	-	-	-	9
ERYSIPELAS ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	7
WHOOPING COUGH ...	4	7	1	-	-	-	-	18	46	27	11	14	1	11	140
MEASLES ...	10	3	42	15	-	1	86	16	297	8	318	4	16	60	876
DYSENTERY ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS ...	14	10	44	16	-	1	91	38	360	37	342	19	18	71	1061

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS)
DURING THE YEAR 1961

		AGE PERIODS (NOTIFICATIONS)												Total
		Under one year	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 and over	
			2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	and over	
SCARLET FEVER	—	—	3	1	13	4	3	—	—	—	—	24
DIPHTHERIA	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
PNEUMONIA	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	1	3	9
ERYSIPELAS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	2	7
WHOOPING COUGH	6	9	14	21	69	9	—	3	—	2	1	140
MEASLES	18	106	87	109	454	29	2	1	1	—	—	876
DYSENTERY	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS ...			—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTALS	24	76	116	104	537	42	7	6	4	6	6	1061

TUBERCULOSIS.
NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1961

AGE PERIODS.	NEW CASES						DEATHS						Total No. of Cases	Total No. of Deaths
	PULMONARY.			Non-PULMONARY.			PULMONARY.			Non-PULMONARY.				
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total		
Under 1 Year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
5—10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—20	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
20—25	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
25—35	4	3	7	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—
35—45	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
45—55	3	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	3	1
55—65	1	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	1
65 and upwards	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
TOTALS	11	6	17	—	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	19	2

With regard to Tuberculosis affecting employees in the milk trade, no case had to be dealt with, nor had any action to be taken with regard to the compulsory removal to Hospital under Section 172, Public Health Act, 1936.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

No case was dealt with during the year.

WATER SAMPLING

During the year, 126 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination.

The following table shows the results of the samples taken:

Supply	No. of samples taken	Presumptive Coliform Count per 100 ml.			
		Class 1 (less than 1)	Class 2 (1-2)	Class 3 (3-10)	Class 4 (Greater than 10)
HARFORD ...	4	4	—	—	—
ERME	39	37	—	—	2
YEALM/ERME	37	37	—	—	—
OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SUPPLIES ...	46	23	—	1	22
TOTALS ...	126	101	—	1	24

Routine chemical analyses continue to be taken. Samples from the Erme, Yealm and Butterbrook vary from one another only in detail. The Analyst’s summary, which is the same for the Yealm and Butterbrook, is as follows:

“This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance and free from iron and other metals. The water is acid in reaction, is very soft in character, and it has only a very small content of alkalinity. It has a low content of mineral constituents, shows only a trace of colour, and is of satisfactory organic quality for a surface water”.

Erme water is the same except that it contains “a negligible trace of iron”.

The pH of the water is adjusted before being put into supply, to control its corrosive properties.

I am indebted to the Engineer and Surveyor for the following information :

WATER SUPPLY

Main supplies are obtained from the River Yealm, River Erme and Butterbrook (Harford), all of which are chlorinated and treated with lime.

Work has commenced on the provision of additional Filtration Plant at Watercombe and this should be operational by the early Spring of next year.

With the extension of the distribution system throughout the district the local supplies to certain hamlets are gradually being abandoned and it is the ultimate aim for the whole of the area except Bickleigh to be supplied with water from the Reservoirs at Houndall, Watercombe and Harford. Bickleigh is supplied from Plymouth Corporation Main.

It is estimated on December 31st, 1961, that of the houses in the district 97% are supplied by mains, 1% by standpipe and 2% from private sources.

Adequate water mains have been laid by direct labour on all new estates being developed within the district.

Further sections of the new Plymstock ring main have been laid in the Springfield and Furzehatt Road localities in conjunction with the new development now proceeding.

WATER CONNECTIONS 1961

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Connections or Renewals during 1961</i>		
	<i>Normal</i>	<i>Metered</i>	<i>Total</i>
Brixton	21	2	23
Cornwood	3	1	4
Ermington	2	1	3
Harford	—	—	—
Holbeton	12	2	14
Ivybridge	5	3	8
Newton and Noss	11	4	15
Plympton St. Mary and St. Maurice ...	348	12	360
Plymstock	318	27	345
Shaugh Prior	6	—	6
Wembury	22	5	27
Yealmpton	1	5	6
TOTALS	749	62	811

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Work has commenced on the Ermington Scheme and that for Yealmpton is programmed to start towards the end of next year.

Designs have been completed for Plymstock Main Drainage Scheme and the detailed scheme is in the hands of the Ministry.

Refuse Disposal

Tipping continued at Linketty Lane.

We have continued to afford a weekly collection of household refuse to the whole district except a few isolated properties.

PAROCHIAL DISTRIBUTION OF NON- COUNCIL HOUSES DURING 1961

<i>Parish</i>	<i>No. of Plans Approved</i>	<i>Repre- senting No. of Houses</i>	<i>Houses Com- pleted</i>	<i>Layout Plans Approved</i>
Brixton	4	4	16	1
Cornwood	3	3	—	—
Ermington	4	4	2	—
Holbeton	2	4	4	—
Ivybridge	2	2	2	1
Newton and Noss ...	9	16	7	2
Plympton St. Mary ...	33	346	273	9
Plympton St. Maurice ...	8	8	10	—
Plymstock	122	364	252	4
Shaugh Prior	5	5	2	—
Wembury	36	43	17	2
Yealmpton	3	3	2	—
TOTAL ...	231	802	587	19

COUNCIL HOUSES

Pre-War Housing

The number of houses completed and occupied up to the commencement of the war in 1939 was 367, excluding houses transferred to Plymouth.

Post-War Housing

The number of houses completed and occupied during the post-war period up to December 31st, 1961, is as follows:

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Name of Site</i>	<i>Number of Dwellings</i>
Bickleigh ...	Leatside (Roborough) ...	8
Brixton	Bellows Park	70 (including 2 shops)
Cornwood ...	Newtown	6
Do. ...	Crossways	16
Ermington ...	Ermeside Cottages ...	6
Holbeton ...	Orchard Cottages ...	8
Do. ...	1 and 2 Fore Street ...	2
Ivybridge ...	New Estate	118 (including 2 shops)

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Name of Site</i>				<i>Number of Dwellings</i>
Newton and Noss	Hillside Cottages	...	...	...	6
Do.	Butts Park	...	...	...	20
Plympton St. Mary	New Park (Lee Mill)	...	...	...	16
Do.	George Avenue	...	...	...	20
Do.	Woodford	...	...	...	114
					(including 1 shop)
Plympton St. Maurice	New Estate	...	...	...	256
					(including 4 shops)
Plymstock	Stentaway Estate	...	...	...	14
Do.	Pomphlett Close	...	...	...	60
Do.	Hooe Estate	...	...	...	94
					(including 2 shops)
Do.	Hooe Manor Estate	...	...	...	136
Do.	Wembury Road (Elburton)	...	...	...	26
Do.	Oreston	...	...	...	42
Shaugh Prior	Trethewey Gardens (Wotter)	...	...	...	30
Do.	Lee Moor	...	...	...	28
Wembury	Uplands	...	...	...	6
Yealmpton	Yeo Park	...	...	...	6
Yealmpton	Yealm Park	...	...	...	48
<i>Total Dwellings</i>					1,156

The number of houses under construction at the 31st December, 1961, is as follows:

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Name of Site</i>				<i>Number of Dwellings</i>
Plympton St. Maurice	New Estate	...	...	...	44
Plymstock	Stentaway Estate	...	...	...	34

Further contracts now being executed or in course of preparation are as follows:

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Name of Site</i>				<i>Number of Dwellings</i>
Plymstock	...	Stentaway Estate	...	...	62
Yealmpton	...	Yealm Park	...	...	16
<i>Total Dwellings</i>					78

HOUSING ACT, 1957

Slum Clearance

ERMINGTON (LEE MILL). 29 families were rehoused and 22 houses demolished.

IVYBRIDGE. 4 houses were demolished.

PLYMPTON ST. MARY. 14 families were rehoused and 8 houses demolished.

PLYMPTON ST. MAURICE. 7 families were rehoused and 5 houses demolished.

PLYMSTOCK. 3 families were rehoused. 3 Clearance Areas comprising 42 houses were confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government, 2 without modification and the other with the exception of 3 houses.

Individual Unfit Houses

5 families were rehoused and 10 houses were demolished.

Houses made Fit

48 houses were made fit.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
		Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers prosecut'd (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	21	3	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	99	68	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	10	9	—	—
<i>Total</i>	130	80	—	—

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
	Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspector (5)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness (S. 1)	1	1	—	1	—
Overcrowding (S. 2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S. 7) :					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	—	2	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	—	3	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	6	6	—	6	—
<i>Total</i>	12	12	—	12	—

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1961

MR. CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS,

Herewith I submit the following report on the work carried out by the Public Health Department during the year ended the 31st December, 1961.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS MADE

Houses inspected (Housing and Public Health Acts)	...	163
Total visits for housing purposes	... ..	880
Visits in connection with Council house applications	...	37
Factories	... ..	80
Food Premises	... ..	181
Slaughterhouses	... ..	1,194
Dairies	... ..	14
Petroleum	... ..	103
Explosives	... ..	6
Infectious Disease Investigations	... ..	78
Water Supplies and Sampling	... ..	191
Nuisances investigated	... ..	166
Camps inspected	... ..	4
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act	... ..	38
Rodent Control	... ..	3
Drainage Work	... ..	138
Total number of visits for all purposes during the year	...	3,392

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Discretionary Grants. The following gives details of the work carried out during the year:

1. No. of preliminary enquiries made	... ..	67
2. No. of applications made	... ..	19
3. No. of applications approved by the Council	... ..	19
4. No. of houses where work was completed during the year	... ..	20
5. Average amount per house	... ..	£252
6. No. of applicants advised Council were unlikely to approve an application	... ..	3

5 Year Summary of Improvement Grants

			1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
No. of applications made	...	...	20	22	29	18	19
No. of applications approved	...	...	20	22	29	18	19
No. of houses completed	...	...	20	24	16	25	20
Average amount per house	...	...	£254	£197	£232	£216	£252

Standard Grants. The following gives details of the work carried out during the year:

No. of preliminary enquiries made	...	...	...	...	40
No. of applications received	...	...	...	...	17
No. of applications approved	...	...	...	...	17
No. of houses where work was completed during the year	...	...	...	...	24
Average amount per house	...	...	...	...	£65

Rent Act, 1957. 1 application was received and dealt with during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

It is the duty of every Local Authority to cause to be buried or cremated the body of any person who dies or is found dead in their area, in any case where it appears that no suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body are being made. It was necessary to do so on one occasion during the year.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1952

This Act came into operation on the 1st April, 1952. It is necessary for a person keeping a Pet Shop to be licensed by the Council. 1 new licence was granted during the year, and 2 licences were renewed.

FIREGUARDS ACT, 1953

This Act came into operation on 1st October, 1953. The Act and the Orders and Regulations made thereunder make provision for the fitting of guards of approved type to all heating appliances.

All appliances manufactured after 1st October, 1953, must comply with the provisions of the Act and the provisions apply to all fires, etc., sold by retail after 1st October, 1954.

No difficulty has been experienced with regard to the sale of such appliances.

CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Applications for Site Licences were received in respect of a number of sites. These have been dealt with in accordance with the Act, and, after determination of their requirements under the Principal Act, Licences have been issued in respect of 20 sites.

In respect of one site the County Council took action by way of the service of an Enforcement Notice and Discontinuance Order. A Public Local Inquiry was held in November and the Minister's decision is awaited.

A Certificate was issued by an exempted Organisation in respect of one site.

Enquiries as to the provisions of the Act continue to be received and action and vigilance is required to control the unlawful siting of caravans.

RODENT CONTROL

In connection with the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, no charge was made for work carried out at private dwellings but the full cost of work at business premises was recovered.

Co-operation has been maintained with the officials of the Infestation Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and their advice is always appreciated.

Annual Test Baiting was carried out in April in 31 sewerage systems. As a result it was necessary to carry out a maintenance treatment in May in 5 systems. The second maintenance treatment was carried out in November in 5 systems. The Council's Sewage Disposal Works were treated on 27 occasions, the Refuse Tips on 15 occasions, and the Lee Mill Estate and the Ivybridge Cemetery on 1 occasion.

Details of the work carried out during the year can be seen from the table.

The work was carried out by the Council's Rodent Operator, assisted part-time by another workman in the Department.

The methods advocated by the Infestation Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for the extermination of rats and mice were used, the bait bases being damp sausage rusk, bread mash, oatmeal and sugar meal, and the poisons zinc Phosphide, arsenious oxide, Antu (alpha-naphthyl-thiourea) and Warfarin.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949
Report for 12 months ended 31st December, 1961

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	(1) <i>Local Authority</i>	Non-Agricultural			
		(2) <i>Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)</i>	(3) <i>All other (including Business Premises)</i>	(4) <i>Total of Columns (1), (2) and (3)</i>	
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District. (Notes 1 and 2)	50 (approx.)	13,450 (approx.)	600 (approx.)	14,100 (approx.)	635 (approx.)
2. Number of <i>properties inspected</i> as a result of:					
(a) Notification	6	321	18	445	1
(b) Survey under the Act	30	140	23	193	13
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	—	—	1	1	—
3. Total inspections carried out—including re-inspections	152	3,112	94	3,358	22
4. Number of <i>properties inspected</i> (in Section 2) which were found to be <i>infested</i> by:					
(a) Rats { Major	—	—	—	—	—
Minor	24	164	12	200	2
(b) Mice { Major	—	1	—	1	—
Minor	—	26	1	27	—
5. Number of <i>infested properties</i> (in Section 4) treated by the Local Authority (figures should NOT exceed those given at Section 4)	24	191	13	228	2
6. Total treatments carried out—including re-treatments	44	335	18	397	2
7. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act: ...					
(a) Treatment	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Structural Work (i.e., Proofing)	—	—	—	—	—
8. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act	—	—	—	—	—
9. Legal Proceedings	—	—	—	—	—
10. Number of “block” control schemes carried out	—	—	—	—	—

FOOD

Slaughterhouses

Five applications for the renewal of licences were received, all of which were granted.

During the year visits were made as follows:

Slaughterhouses 1,194

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	<i>Cattle Excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Number inspected ...	474	80	44	4,549	19,798
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	—	12	9	38	39
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	104	41	4	809	1,648
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ...	21.9	66.2	29.5	18.6	8.5
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	—	—	—	—	4
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	750
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	3.8
<i>Cysticercosis</i>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	1	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	1	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—

The total weight of carcasses and organs found to be diseased and voluntarily surrendered was 15 tons 19 cwt. 20 lbs.

Diseased meat, etc., is collected by arrangement and converted into glues and fertilisers.

Milk

The number of dairies and distributors registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949, are as follows:

Dairies	21
Distributors	32
					—
					53
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14 visits of inspection were made during the year.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Inspections of Food Premises were carried out and notices served where necessary.

The number of food premises registered under Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, 1955, are as follows:

The manufacture of Ice Cream for sale	...	2
The sale of Ice Cream	154
The manufacture of Preserved Food	...	47
		—
		203
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181 visits were made to food premises during the year, and a total weight of 2 tons 11 cwts. 14 lbs. of food condemned as unfit for human consumption.

During the year, 7 premises were registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the sale of ice cream.

Byelaws as to the handling and sale of food are in force in the Rural District. Minor contraventions were detected, but these were quickly rectified when the shopkeepers were notified.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCES

The undermentioned figures apply to the period from the 1st April, 1961, to the 31st March, 1962.

Petroleum Spirit

Number of licences renewed during the above period ...	79
Number of new licences issued during the above period	1
Number of licences transferred	—

During recent years the work in connection with Petroleum Spirit storage has increased considerably. Much time has been spent in supervising the installation of tanks and pumps and testing same.

I remain,

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

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